

...more Eastern Region Program Highlights...

Reparation Board meeting

OPTS

The Opportunity to Succeed Program (OPTS) was developed to provide a continuum of care for up to 60 probationers/parolees whose challenges, as offenders with both mental illness diagnosis and some level of chemical dependency, identify them as high risk/high need.

Problems relating to housing, transportation, finances and family—along with ongoing mental health treatment, medication compliance, and substance abuse program participation—contribute to the difficulties of supervision. The Greater St. Louis Treatment Network has partnered with P&P to provide intensive case management services to address the multiple needs of these offenders while encouraging self-sufficiency. In 2001, 73 cases were referred to the OPTS program which is based out of District 7-Central.

OPTS case conference

Reparation Board/CPR Program

The Community Partnership for Restoration (CPR) was developed and implemented around restorative justice principles and was the first community supervision-based program of its kind in the state. CPR, which is a specialized, intensive supervision program for high risk, high need probationers, calls the Eastern Region Office home. Offenders in CPR are required to participate in cognitive restructuring, substance abuse programs, Impact of Crime on Victims classes, and community service. In addition to reporting to their assigned probation officer, they also meet with a reparation board.

Reparation boards are comprised of community members who are Volunteers in Corrections. Three to five community members serve on each board. These dedicated neighbors encourage offenders to take responsibility for the impact their criminal behavior has had on the community. They steer offenders toward success, focussing on accountability, protection of the community, and competency development.